

Application No. 09/486,341
Response dated May 6, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2004

REMARKS

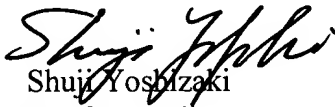
Claims 16 and 40 were objected to. Claim 16 and line 5 of claim 40 has been corrected in this Response. However, the statement in the Office Action about lines 11-12, 14, 17 and 18 of claim 40 are inconsistent with the recitations of claim 40. In this respect, the agent of the applicants called the examiner on April 19, 2004. Please identify the lines of the objection, and call the Applicants' agent, for the examiner's amendment.

Also, if, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. The limited recognition of the agent is attached.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Limited Recognition

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